TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2373 - SB 2235

February 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the current Class A misdemeanor for violation of an immediate methamphetamine precursor prohibition to specify that it is an offense for an unauthorized person to knowingly attempt to sell or attempt to purchase such product knowing that it will be used to produce methamphetamine or to deliver the product to another person whom they know intends to manufacture methamphetamine or with reckless disregard of the other person's intent. Removes the current statutory references to "selling," "possessing with the intent to sell," and "purchasing" in regard to the offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, it is a Class A misdemeanor for an unauthorized person to knowingly engage in the following conduct relative to a nonexempt product containing an immediate methamphetamine precursor required to be kept behind a pharmacy counter: sell, attempt to sell, or possess the product with the intent to sell it to another for a non-medical use or unlawful purpose; purchase, attempt to purchase, or possess the product with the intent to deliver it to another for a non-medical use or unlawful purpose; or to purchase the product at different times or locations, or to use false identification, in order to circumvent the maximum allowable quantity that can be lawfully purchased during a one-day or thirty-day period.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, resulting in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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